

To: Montoya, Ken[Ken.Montoya@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Russo, Rebecca[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Harris-Bishop, Rusty[Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov]; Yogi, David[Yogi.David@epa.gov]; Zito, Kelly[ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]; Keener, Bill[Keener.Bill@epa.gov]; Maier, Brent[Maier.Brent@epa.gov]
From: Higuchi, Dean
Sent: Sun 8/9/2015 3:20:27 AM
Subject: Answer to your question from today's call, R8's Latest Update Statement, R9 Deployment Details
[GoldKingMineUpdate 080815.pdf](#)

Hi Ken,

Sorry for the delay on getting back to your question on the call, but wanted to wait for R8's statement so I could include it too.

Region 9 is actively engaged with the Navajo Nation EPA, and working with them. Here is our current deployment plan, some folks have already arrived this evening and others tomorrow:

EPA Region 9 Response Activities

Region 9 deployed 2 START contractors to coordinate and assist with sample collection and lab services and will assist in creating a sampling Task Force with NNEPA, Navajo water agencies and potentially the Bureau of Reclamation.

Region 9 also is deploying an On Scene Coordinator (OSC) to Durango to coordinate Navajo sampling Task Force updates and results with the Region 8 incident command post and will ensure command messages get back to Navajo officials in this early phase of the response.

A second OSC will deploy to the Navajo Nation in Farmington on Monday to coordinate additional field activities. Other Region 9 staff may assist with these roles including a drinking water expert.

Region 9 will also deploy a Public Information Officer (PIO) to participate in a Joint Information Center (JIC), presently in Durango, with other Federal, State, County and Tribal agencies.

Two Community Involvement Coordinators will be deploying Sunday to Farmington.

Sunday's R8 Congressional Update call is set for 2 pm MDT. Call in: Nonresponsive Conference Code